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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Dear Reader,

The year 2004 marks the tenth anniversary of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and with its implementation, we have seen significant economic growth in the US-Mexico border region. This growth has made the region prosper economically and has made it a top competitor in the global economy. While this economic growth has proven to be beneficial, it has also created a serious challenge for border communities in addressing environmental degradation and its impacts.

Since the inception of NAFTA, California has been a leader in pursuing adequate environmental infrastructure commensurate with the increasing population growth. This has been a top priority in an effort to achieve clean air, clean water, effective waste management and protection of the public health and our natural resources. In cooperation with our Baja California neighbors, we aim to continue striving towards these goals and ensure that our shared environmental needs are adequately addressed and work collaboratively towards a cleaner shared border.

I take great pleasure in presenting you the third edition of the California-Baja California Environmental Infrastructure Needs Assessment report and look to continue moving forward in obtaining the California-Baja California region its fair share of monies to improve and construct needed environmental infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Terry Tamminen
Secretary
California Environmental Protection Agency



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**MENSAJE DEL DIRECTOR GENERAL DE ECOLOGÍA DEL ESTADO
DE BAJA CALIFORNIA**

Estimado Lector,

La protección ambiental en nuestra dinámica región fronteriza, además de una estrecha coordinación y cooperación binacional, requiere de infraestructura que asista a las comunidades de ambos lados de la frontera en la atención de sus principales retos ambientales. Con este fin y conjugando esfuerzos de diversos ordenes de gobierno, sectores de la sociedad organizada y sector académico, se genera este Diagnóstico de Necesidades de Infraestructura Ambiental para nuestra región fronteriza, mismo que ahora orgullosamente presentamos a nombre de todos los que buscamos con nuestro quehacer cotidiano la compatibilidad del desarrollo con los principios de sustentabilidad.

Baja California y California, capitalizando oportunidades, han mantenido el liderazgo del desarrollo económico en la frontera México – Estados Unidos, a ello se ha asociado un acelerado crecimiento demográfico y fuertes presiones sobre los recursos naturales. Este imponente escenario vuelve imprescindible una visión conjunta que permita definir el rumbo y los objetivos que deben guiar la gestión ambiental en nuestra región fronteriza. El presente documento representa un paso firme en esta trascendente tarea.

Atentamente,

Enrique Villegas Ibarra
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